

to hear that clarion call!  
 Leaving behind all that they so loved . . .  
 All of your most precious loves,  
 who you held so very high above . . .  
 All for The Greater Good!  
 With tears all in your most magnificent  
 eyes,  
 as you so left and so said your last goodbyes  
 . . .  
 With your heart of gold comprised,  
 marching off to war so ready to die . . .  
 Travis, no they'll not take that from you!  
 With all your most splendid valor, and grace  
 . . .  
 With all of your most magnificent courage so  
 all in place,  
 as you so heroically stared all in death's  
 face!  
 As with smell of death upon you so wafted,  
 and yet with each new step somehow you  
 still kept pace!  
 As such heartache upon your fine soul was  
 placed . . .  
 As all for your Brothers In Arms You So Led  
 The Way!  
 As so boldly you so stood all there in uni-  
 form . . .  
 As why now you so hold such a special place!  
 All in our hearts so very warm . . .  
 All in this our human race.  
 No . . . No . . . They will not take that from  
 you!  
 For Travis,  
 yours will always be a heart of such honor  
 and faith!  
 One of such most splendid grace!  
 As we so look upon your magnificent face  
 . . .  
 And so see what you so gave . . .  
 As there we all so find such a fine soul as  
 comprised . . .  
 Who above all others we must now so place  
 . . .  
 With but your most heroic will,  
 as Travis you climbed mountains and so  
 climbed hills . . .  
 As your own blood was so spilled,  
 and still you did not lose pace!  
 And now your new battle has just begun!  
 As your fine heart,  
 now so shines all like that morning sun!  
 As you rebuild with each new step, all one by  
 one!  
 No Fine One,  
 You're Airborne and They'll not take that  
 from you!  
 For it was you,  
 who so chose to answer freedom's most noble  
 call . . .  
 As our Lord God your great valor saw . . .  
 They'll Not Take That From You!  
 For in these, our most troubled times,  
 all in these our most shortest of all lives . . .  
 Only, but one thing so lives on . . . so  
 shines's!  
 As not so gone, as out into eternity so sur-  
 vives!  
 As is what we so do upon this earth!  
 Do we in the darkness so reside?  
 Or is it with our goodness,  
 that we so make even the Angels too cry?  
 For if all in our most noble deeds,  
 that we so succeed to fight evil's needs . . .  
 Then, it's Heaven we shall all so see.  
 For these are such things,  
 that which only our magnificence can so  
 bring!  
 And that no one else can so take from you  
 Travis . . . sing!  
 No Travis, They Will Never So Take That  
 From You!  
 And now the time has so come!  
 To mount up Cav, my son!  
 To go Airborne to recovery, to get up and  
 run!  
 To win one more battle,  
 like all of those other ones you've won!  
 Because, Travis you are Army Strong!

You Are America's Heart and Son!  
 They may have taken your strong arms and  
 legs!  
 But, your fine heart and soul they can not so  
 touch,  
 can they!  
 And that's what you run with this very day  
 . . .  
 Bravo my son, you are Airborne in every  
 way!  
 As once again, you are out on point leading  
 the way!  
 For Travis, SSG Mills you have so many  
 lives to touch!  
 So many hearts to fill as such!  
 And so many years from now,  
 Heaven is yours one day so don't rush!  
 And your family and this world,  
 so needs men like you as such!  
 Travis, They'll Not Take That From You!  
 I yield back the balance of my time.

#### AMERICAN VALUES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 52 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We are really blessed here in the Capitol with some of the greatest people that work around here and touch the lives of so many. So many come from around the country to admire our great national Capitol, and the people that work around here touch them one way or another.

Albert Caswell is one of those great folks. It seems every day we see him with wounded warriors, in addition to his regular duties as a tour guide. He's taken them through the Capitol, doing poems for them, having them signed by Members of Congress, getting them entered in the RECORD, getting them to individual warriors. He just does great work, so I'm quite pleased my friend STEVE KING read that into the RECORD.

The truth is, freedom is not free, and we're surrounded by people who have given a great deal—given limbs, given so much. I was standing by a Gold Star mom in Texas this past week, and I really wasn't sure who gave the most. Her son gave everything—gave his life. But his mother gave her son.

We're told by Jesus, Greater love has no one than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

This Nation has experienced so much love by people who have laid down their lives for their country, but at the same time millions of parents have given their children proper teaching to love the things that make this country the greatest country in the world. Instill those values in their children for them to be willing to show the greatest love that anyone can have.

I do know, from being so close to parents who have given their children, that that is an unfathomable love. To care about your country and its freedoms so much that you're willing to risk a child's life for the good of others, and ultimately give that child for the good of the country.

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It is so terribly difficult.

So we have people on foreign soil who are risking their lives; some have given their lives for this country. We have law enforcement. We have intelligence agents, agents from all parts of State, local, and Federal Government who put their lives at risk every day so we can enjoy the freedoms we have. We owe them not to be stupid about the way we carry out the government's business and the way in which we protect the citizens of this country, the people in this country, from all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Now, we have some very noble patriots that serve at the various levels of our Federal entities that are charged with keeping us safe. Having visited with Secretary Panetta, who called me a few weeks ago, having had multiple conversations with Director Mueller as Director of the FBI, so many others in our Federal law enforcement, our Federal intelligence, justice, we have a great lot of noble people. But here again, we cannot be foolish about the way we go about protecting America.

There are people who have been at war with the United States since 1979. President Carter hailed the Ayatollah Khomeini as a man of peace as he came back from exile and for the first time in so many years gave a foothold for radical terrorizing Islam to have a country in Iran. Americans soon found out the price of bad judgment in international affairs.

Not too long thereafter, there was an attack against the American Embassy in Tehran. I know at Fort Benning, Georgia, where I was, a lot of folks were put on alert that it may be necessary for us to go and defend this Nation because an attack against a country's embassy is an attack against that country. It is an act of war. So there was an act of war committed in Iran in 1979, and our response was so benign that it is still being used as a recruiting tool by radical Islamists today to show how Americans are not very smart, they don't have the stomach for a strong fight so we can still prevail.

We had a benign response in 1983 after the attack on our marines and lost around 300 precious marine lives in Beirut. The response was to pull them out without a fight.

So many times we've been attacked in the last 30 years, acts of war, and we failed to recognize what they were until 2001 when most of America woke up at that point, that there are people who want to destroy America. When bin Laden wrote that they had spent around \$500,000 to train those people and to carry out the mission of crashing planes into American buildings to destroy buildings and to kill thousands of Americans—apparently they were hoping for more, in the range of 50,000 or so to be killed in the Twin Towers. But as bin Laden has pointed out, an investment, from their standpoint, the way they saw it, of around \$500,000 cost America trillions and trillions of dollars. And even before he was taken out,

it was clear to him that they helped put America on track to be bankrupt. From his standpoint, that was a tremendous investment. Invest \$500,000 in an act of war and cost your enemy not only thousands of lives but trillions of dollars, not only in damage but in the money spent to try to secure the Nation.

That's why it is so important that we be smarter about the way our money is spent, that we utilize a little bit more discernment, a little more wisdom in the way that we take on those who are bent on our destruction. They are still there. And the Taliban's strength, as both Senator FEINSTEIN and Representative ROGERS, the two chairs from the Senate and House, respectively, of our Intelligence, our Homeland Security—I guess, Intelligence—they understand and they believe the Taliban is stronger now than it was before. It is growing in strength. We have not been very wise about the way we took on an enemy that wants to take this country down.

Now, there are some who have been a little oversensitive, and it seems that some who are our Muslim friends who have been more defensive about any questions about radical Islam than they have been about condemning the radicals that have hijacked their religion. And it would be helpful for those of us who know there are moderate Muslims who just want to live in peace, to have their help in condemning radical Islam instead of condemning those of us who stand up against and condemn radical Islam.

America, one of our great traits is we don't want to really offend people around the world. There have been some ugly Americans over the years who give us a bad name, but all in all, Americans are loving, caring, forgiving people. And the only nation in the history of the world that has ever sent treasure in the form of money and our greatest assets, our individuals, to fight and die on behalf of people in another nation over which we want no control, we want no territory, we just want freedom to reign in the world so we can live in peace and help extend that freedom to others around the world.

That's why, over the years, as stories have unfolded about high-handed leaders in other countries who say, We want Americans out; we don't like you. And the response has come in some situations, Do you want us to remove all of the dead bodies of Americans who gave their lives so you could have the freedom to tell us where to go and what to do?

Americans have had a place in history like no other nation.

Ironically, as one general recently said in conversation, virtually every deployment he has had into harm's way, he has been sent there by the United States on behalf of Muslims who were being mistreated by others, including Christians. So, for some of us it gets a little discouraging that our

Muslim friends who want to live in peace will not take notice of the fact that this country has stood up against tyranny, against moderate Muslims around the world, and we continue to do that.

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We are doing that in Afghanistan and we get no credit for that. Instead, we get condemned because we want to protect what we have, and we get so caught up in political correctness that we're afraid to call things as they are.

Now, I mentioned before, but that line in the "Patton" movie may or may not have actually been said. But it is a fact for military strategists, as Patton looked over the carnage from a battle in which his tanks took on the tanks of that incredible German Field Marshal Rommel, and reportedly Patton said something like, paraphrasing, Rommel, you glorious, childless son—or apparently, son—I read your book.

Going through military science, we were taught that if you want to be able to fight effectively on behalf of your country, you have to know your enemy. We would prefer we have no enemies. As Christians—those of us who are—we're taught to love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus, himself, said, when he was asked by a lawyer, What's the most important commandment? He said, Love God. The second is like it, Love your neighbor. And on those two things, those two laws, hang all the law and the prophets.

The full face of Moses depicted above the door in the center back in the gallery is there because he was considered perhaps the greatest lawgiver of all time. Of all the lawgivers who have side profiles, Moses has the one full face. And if you were to outline the Ten Commandments that Moses was used to provide, you could outline them under two headings: number one, love God; number two, love each other. They all fall under those two commands.

Since we have a very rich Judeo-Christian heritage here in America, for at least the first 130, 140 years of our country's history people have been proud to constantly quote the Bible here on the House floor as the ultimate authority for reasoning behind good legislation. As one goes right out those doors, straight down the halls a matter of feet, you come to Statuary Hall. It is the place where the House of Representatives met for most of the 1800s. And except for after the fire in 1814 that the British set, a fire which was put out by what insurance policies would call an act of God, a deluging rain that put out the fire, preserved this Capitol's shell so that it didn't implode and become a bunch of ruins, right down the hall in Statuary Hall—formerly, the House of Representatives—for most of the 1800s, it was a place of nondenominational Christian worship services.

I hope one day we'll have a plaque down there so that the 15,000 or so peo-

ple a day that come through can read and understand that the man, Thomas Jefferson, who coined the phrase "separation of church and State"—not in the Constitution, as most Americans apparently believe, but in a letter to the Danbury Baptists about why, really, we shouldn't have an official denomination of the Christian religion—Jefferson attended church virtually every Sunday he was in Washington just down the hall. They had nondenominational Christian worship services.

So it is amazing the lack of education that has occurred in recent generations so that you can have one of the cable channels—is it BSNBC or something like that? They reported that in the past week there was some kind of a prayer service in Statuary Hall by a bunch of right-wingers, when what was actually done was not nearly as stout in Christian nature as what Thomas Jefferson used to do as President when he attended church down there, and the Speaker's podium was used as the pulpit each Sunday for most of the 1800s.

Most people credit Madison with having more to do with the Constitution than anyone else of our Founders. Madison also attended church, a nondenominational Christian church, in Statuary Hall—back then, the House of Representatives—and he found no affront to the Constitution to attend church in the U.S. Capitol. For much of the 1800s, the largest Christian church in the Nation's capital was here at the Capitol in the House of Representatives where they attended church each Sunday.

The Congressional Research Service did some research on material that we provided to see what they believed was documented and what wasn't. They said Jefferson normally came down Pennsylvania Avenue on horseback by himself. One story is of Jefferson coming down Pennsylvania Avenue with a big Bible under his arm, and one of the citizens said, Mr. President, where are you going? Well, it was Sunday morning, and he said, I'm going to church up in the Capitol. He said, Sir, you don't believe everything those Christians do up there. And he said, Sir, I am the highest elected magistrate in this country. It is imperative that I set the proper example.

So he came to church, and he did not find attending church down in the House of Representatives as offending the notion that he dreamed up of a separation of church and State—his words.

He's also the person that coined the phrase having a "wall of separation" that the Supreme Court has many, many years later misconstrued because they didn't know their history, weren't properly taught. But Jefferson did not find it an affront to his concept of separation of church and State to bring the United States Marine Band into the Capitol to play Christian hymns for the Christian worship services.

So what to some cable channel may have been this strange, weird thing

that happened because they have not been properly educated, to Thomas Jefferson, to James Madison was just a matter of propriety and course. Certainly, there's nothing wrong with bringing the Marine Band to play hymns in the House of Representatives for a nondenominational church Christian worship service, because it was nondenominational. They weren't putting emphasis on any particular denomination.

When Randolph, during the 1787 Constitutional Convention, saw that things were falling apart and heard this inspirational speech by Benjamin Franklin, how Franklin, in his words—we have his words because he wrote them down in his own handwriting—said:

I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it possible an empire could rise without His aid?

Franklin went on to say:

We've been assured, sir, in the sacred writing that, unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

Some of us were taught he was a deist, but in his own words, in his own handwriting, the speech that he gave to the other members at the Constitutional Convention, he urged them by saying, Firmly believe this. He said:

I also firmly believe without His concurring help, we shall succeed in our political building no better than the builders of Babel.

We'll be confounded by our local partial interests and we, ourselves, shall become a byword down through the ages.

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Well, Randolph, his proposal, after Franklin, was we basically have had so much disagreement, such a spirit of anger in here, I move that we all go to church. Here we are, the end of June, we're about to celebrate the country's anniversary. I move that we all go to church together, and all of us—the irony of this, all of us, as part of the Constitutional Convention, that are going to give this Nation the Constitution that will one day cause the Supreme Court to say we don't think that you can constitutionally do what the Founders and the writers of the Constitution did, he said, we all ought to go to church together in celebration of the anniversary and then come back and pick this up.

One wrote that there was a new spirit. They all went to the Reformed Calvinistic Church. They all went to the same church. They all heard the same sermon. And it evoked a spirit of unity and collaboration, that although there were differences, they were able to come together thereafter and give us the Constitution.

So it's part of our heritage. And as part of our heritage, we welcome people from all faiths, or no faiths. But just because you don't have a faith, don't come in and tell us we can't have and enjoy what the Founders provided and assured in the First Amendment that we could have.

Don't try to mis-educate any more Supreme Court Justices, so that although they're brilliant of intellect, they're ignorant of our history and what the Constitution means so they do not really understand the freedoms that we were provided and that there is a prohibition against our practicing our religion.

Some have twisted those words, the language, our Constitution, and political correctness to the point that it is exposing us to unnecessary danger. And although these people that we have in authority here in this town mean well, and they all want to see the country do well and thrive, we can't be stupid about the way we go around helping protect the country.

So, we have people in America that are more concerned with political correctness and more concerned that someone does not get offended while we are fighting for our Nation's life, fighting for the Nation's existence against powers that want to destroy us. They're concerned we might offend somebody, we might offend those who want to kill and destroy us, and, what's worse, we might offend someone who is a moderate and practices under the name of the same religion of those who want to destroy us.

And just like Patton was pointing out, you can't defend yourself unless you know the enemy that wants to destroy you.

9/12 was a day like I've not experienced in my lifetime. We were scared. Americans across the country came together. We prayed. We didn't care about political correctness. Courthouse squares around the country, we grabbed hands. We did in Tyler, Texas. They did all around the country, people holding hands and singing hymns, singing "Amazing Grace," singing "God Bless America," people praying for God's protection once again, just like Ben Franklin told us we would have to have or we would succeed no better than the builders of Babel.

We came together, and for that day, and for a time thereafter, there was no such thing as a hyphenated American. There was no Euro-American, there was no African-American, no Asian-American, Native-American. There were Americans here in America, and we were concerned about having a future for us and our children and, hopefully, their children and their children. And we were smart for a short time, and in a bipartisan way, this Chamber came together.

I was on the bench at the time as a judge. I was qualifying a jury panel when the Twin Towers were hit. Nobody was concerned about hyphenated Americans because we were Americans. And what this Chamber did, in coming together with the Senate and saying, You know what? Let's study where we went wrong. And a bipartisan commission was put together to study, in complete candor, what had gone wrong. How did the worst attack against America on its own soil occur without us realizing what was coming?

We had the 9/11 Commission report that came out of that, and the 9/11 Commission report used words like "enemy" 39 times, "jihad" 126 times, "Muslim" 145 times because those who wanted to destroy us and tried used that term about themselves. That's who they said they were before the attack. They used terms in the report 32 two times like "Islam" because those who attacked us in the worst attack in our history on our soil used that term about themselves.

And I am very sorry for our moderate Islamic friends who want to live in peace with all Americans because they're Americans. And I'm sorry if people are offended that those who hated us so much they would bring down the World Trade Centers, try to wipe out the Pentagon, try to wipe out what some say is the most recognized building in the world, this Capitol, I'm sorry if they're offended that those people call themselves Muslim. They call themselves Islamists.

"Muslim Brotherhood" was mentioned five times in the 9/11 Commission report because it was important. There was an interwoven nature to what was going on in the attack. They used "religious," that word, 65 times. They mentioned "Hamas" four times. They mentioned "Hezbollah" two times. They mentioned "al Qaeda" 36 times. They mentioned "caliph" seven times. They mentioned "shari'a" twice.

But apparently we have leaders who mean well, I know that, who think they're protecting America, who are more concerned about not offending people who don't want to hurt us than they are about just speaking truth. And how can you deal with an enemy unless you're willing to recognize them in truth?

So now, because in the very recent months, the FBI counterterrorism lexicon, this effort by our FBI that's going on in the Justice Department, it's going on in the Intelligence Department, it's going on in the State Department, it's going on in the White House, itself—they're leading the charge—we don't want to offend anyone.

□ 1600

So no longer is an FBI agent who is new, someone who may barely remember what occurred on 9/11, allowed to be taught what the enemy who attacked us said about themselves. They're not allowed to be taught what they said motivated our enemy. How can you deal with your enemy? How can you take them on and win that fight and come out victorious unless you recognize what motivates them? Because, when you know what motivates them, you can predict more likely what they will do next.

That's why there are novelists in America who do a better job of projecting where we will be hit next than

our own government intelligence agencies, other than our own government FBI. It's why some noticed that there was a soldier on al Jazeera who was saying exactly what Major Hasan had said: in essence about how, with his being a Muslim, if he were sent to a Muslim country where he might accidentally kill another Muslim for one of the unrecognized allowances to kill another Muslim, then they would have to act up and kill Americans to avoid having to risk going to a Muslim country and killing a Muslim.

The guy is saying basically the same things Hasan did before he killed 13 of our precious servicemembers in an act that in our political correctness this administration now refers to as "workplace violence."

I came to know and love some Pearl Harbor survivors. They had no idea that what they experienced at Pearl Harbor, according to the thinking of this administration, was an act of workplace violence, where someone came into the workplace of all of these civilians and all of these soldiers and sailors and marines in Pearl Harbor and killed them in their workplace. They didn't understand that because that's not what it was—nor was it workplace violence at Fort Hood. It was an act of war against our military.

I am grateful we have Members of the House and Senate who had the foresight to file a bill to make sure that they should have Purple Hearts, because it was not workplace violence. They died for their country. They died for freedom. They laid down their lives, which they knew were at risk from the moment they took the oath, which is just like all of us who have been in the service have taken.

Political correctness must be set aside so that we can speak candidly and truthfully. So, if there really is nothing to fear from the radical Islamists who have hijacked the name of a religion away from the mass moderate Muslims, it is time for more than just three or four or a handful of moderate Muslims to step forward and help us in calling it what it is.

Now, I recognize that, for any Muslim to step forward and condemn another Muslim, it is a very, very risky proposition. It's far more risky for them to do that than for a considered infidel like me to step up and condemn radical jihadist Islamists, because I'm already an infidel in their eyes; but moderates know that if they speak out publicly they could be targeted for turning on their own religion. Among the radicals—crazies—who are trying to hijack the religion, they get angrier at a moderate Muslim than they do at an infidel for speaking against another Muslim. So it is very risky for a moderate to step up and join those of us who want to recognize accurately what our enemy is.

But, in the name of political correctness, not only have we cleansed our National Intelligence Strategy, which is becoming a misnomer—how can you

have intelligence if you're not allowed to recognize your enemy for what your enemy calls himself?—our FBI counterterrorism lexicon, how it has been cleansed of the terms that those at war with us call themselves.

It is important that we learn from our mistakes because, if we refuse to learn from our mistakes, we're going to keep making them. Most people have been taught the old adage: "Those who refuse to learn from history are destined to repeat it." We should not have to experience another major attack on our own soil and the loss of thousands of American lives before we have another heartbreaking day like September 12 of 2001 on which we come together, embrace, and say we're not hyphenated Americans—we're Americans. We are one people, and we will stand together. We shouldn't have to have more Americans killed as they were on 9/11 to bring us together like that.

But I beg, Mr. Speaker, of my colleagues: Let's help educate our Federal Government that it's okay to call people "radical Islamists" if they have called themselves that and that it's okay to describe people in our FBI counterterrorism lexicon and in our intelligence materials what the terrorists, themselves, call themselves. It's okay, and we won't be mad at each other when we do that.

What happens when we try to become too politically correct is that we have things like the FBI and a wonderful Director who, I believe, unintentionally has hurt the FBI by his 5-year up-or-out policy, which we now know has cost us thousands and thousands and thousands of years of experience by running off our more experienced FBI agents in favor of agents in charge, who may go from having 26 years of experience to having 5 or 6 years of experience, who may not even have been out of college at the time of 9/11 and who are now in charge as the most experienced people we have in our offices around the country. That has hurt us.

At the same time, for example, in June of 2002, our FBI Director took fire for giving a speech to the American Muslim Council, which the Director's spokesman described as "the most mainstream Muslim group in the United States." But, at the time of the speech in 2002, the head of the American Muslim Council was a man named al-Amoudi, who was videotaped in October of 2000 delivering a speech just yards away from the White House, proclaiming:

I have been labeled by the media in New York as being a supporter of Hamas. We are all supporters of Hamas. I wish they'd added that I'm also a supporter of Hezbollah.

That was also the same year, 2002, that the AMC, the American Muslim Council, board adviser and former acting president, Jamil al-Amin, was arrested for murdering a Georgia police officer. Al-Amoudi was arrested in 2003 in a Libyan assassination plot targeting the Saudi Crown Prince, and was later identified by the U.S. Treas-

ury as one of al Qaeda's top fund-raisers in the United States.

At the time of our FBI Director's speech in 2002, al-Amoudi had been under investigation by the FBI for almost a decade for funneling money between Osama bin Laden and the "Blind Sheikh."

In October of 2003, just days before the ceremony honoring a Detroit Muslim leader, Imad Hamad, and bestowing on him the FBI Director's award for exceptional public service, the FBI had to contact Hamad and tell him he wasn't going to receive the reward.

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The FBI initially claimed they had decided to give the award to a victim of the 9/11 terror attacks, but later an FBI spokesman revealed that unflattering information about Hamad had been made public during the deportation proceedings for one of his close associates. In fact, the INS fought for two decades to deport Hamad for his suspected support for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a designated terrorist organization by this government. That information came to light not due to any checking or vetting by the FBI, but thanks to an article published by the New York Post.

It brings me back to the point about a young soldier after the 13 military members were killed at Fort Hood by Major Hasan who was on al-Jazeera saying the same things Hasan did before he went to kill. We had people that actually noticed that, but it would have been politically incorrect to do anything about it. You know, they say those things. If it had not been for a gun dealer in Texas who found this young private suspicious, if it had not been for that gun dealer calling in local authorities and alerting them, we would have had another Fort Hood shooting and lost other precious members of our military. They were saved not because of the intelligence community, the FBI counterterrorism, or the Homeland Security countering violent extremism, because we don't want to use the term jihad or Islamic jihad. So it's countering violent extremists. No, none of those picked it up. There were people who noticed and reported it, but nothing was done because it might be politically incorrect. They risked the lives of our precious military in political correctness. If not for the work of a gun dealer in Texas and local law enforcement jumping right on top of it, we could have lost military members.

Here are some other examples. Palestinian Islamic Jihad leader Sami al-Arian had meetings and conversations with high-ranking officials at the Justice Department and the Homeland Security Department despite being the subject of FISA wiretap warnings since the early 1990s and having his home raided in 1995. He was still having meetings at the DOJ, Homeland Security, and having access to our government's inner sanctum. As part of a plea agreement, al-Arian admitted to being

a part of the leadership structure of the terrorist group, and they were meeting with him.

In 2008, our FBI director handed one of his Director's Community Leadership Awards to Imam Yahya Hendi, who had testified during al-Arian's trial as a defense witness. Hendi had served as a moderator during a 2000 fundraiser for the Benevolence International Foundation, which was shut down in November 2002 by the U.S. Government and designated a terrorist organization for its support of al Qaeda and a number of other Islamic terrorist groups.

An FBI agent testified during the Holy Land Foundation trial that CAIR was a front for the terrorist group Hamas, and the FBI was publicly forced to sever its ties with CAIR. They had all this information, and yet they continued to, as their own information says, partner with CAIR, though CAIR—they knew we had evidence—was partnering with terrorists.

In September of 2010, known Hamas cleric, Mustapha, who was a part of a 6-week FBI Citizen's Academy, was treated to guided tours at the top-secret National Counterterrorism Center, FBI headquarters, and the FBI Academy at Quantico. Mustapha's participation in the FBI program came after he was personally named a coconspirator in the Holy Land Foundation trial and after his appointment as a Muslim chaplain to the Illinois State Police had been revoked. Illinois had already figured out what he was and what he believed before he was given tours of our top-secret National Counterterrorism Center.

Time magazine featured a profile of Mohamed Majid, imam of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society—or they call themselves ADAMS for short. I'm sure John Adams appreciates that. He is the current president of the Islamic Society of North America, which also was a named coconspirator to fund terrorism in the Holy Land Foundation trial. And both the district court and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals examined the record and said there is plenty of evidence here to support their being named specifically as supporters of terrorism.

But in November 2005, Majid was awarded by the FBI for the imam's cooperation in the war on terror, claiming, "Majid regularly tips off the Bureau." But in a letter to the ADAMS center community the very next day, Majid told his mosque Members he did no such thing. Majid made clear that he never reported on anyone in the Muslim community and that his relationship with the FBI was one-sided, and the outreach meetings, "are solely to create avenues to work with law enforcement to preserve our civil liberties and civil rights." Majid has met with top DOJ officials urging the criminalization of criticism of Islam. It's okay to burn a Bible; it's okay to criticize Christianity and Judaism; and police allowed people to scream and cuss

obscenities about God during a prayer at a Tea Party, but it's not okay to be critical of these people.

It's time to wake up. It's time to set political correctness aside. And Mr. Speaker, I would ask that this letter, signed by 22,000 Americans begging us to end political correctness that risks our liberty, be made a matter of the RECORD.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HEINRICH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after noon.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 1 p.m. on account of attending her grandson's graduation.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2224. An act to require the President to report to Congress on issues related to Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2668. An act to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 2136 South Naco Highway in Bisbee, Arizona, as the "Brian A. Terry Border Patrol Station".

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, May 11, 2012, at 11 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5945. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-1079; FRL-9331-8] received February 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5946. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0138; FRL-9336-5] received February 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5947. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Trinexapac-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0524; FRL-9337-9] received February 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5948. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Evaluation of the TRICARE Program for Fiscal Year 2012, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1073 note; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5949. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report presenting the specific amounts of staff-years of technical effort to be allocated for each defense Federally Funded Research and Development Center during fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5950. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report presenting the specific amounts of staff-years of technical effort to be allocated for each defense Federally Funded Research and Development Center during fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5951. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2010-2018 Strategic Workforce Plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5952. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "State High Risk Pool Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2010"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5953. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Lead Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R05-OAR-2010-0100; FRL-9641-8] received February 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5954. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Atlanta; Fine Particulate Matter 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory [EPA-R04-OAR-2012-0050-201207(a); FRL-9639-4] received February 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5955. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Macon; Fine Particulate Matter 2001 Base Year Emissions Inventory [EPA-R04-OAR-2011-0850-201154(a); FRL-9639-8] received February 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5956. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste Exclusion [FDMS Docket No.: EPA-R08-RCRA-2011-0823; FRL-9640 2] received February 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5957. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District and Mojave Desert Quality Management District